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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BY VIETNAMESE  
CITIZENS

REF: (A) STATE 76207; (B) SAIGON 4238; SAIGON 4245

1. DEPARTMENT HAS, AS EMBASSY SUGGESTED, REPEATED REF C  
WORLD-WIDE.

2. FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE PREPARED ON  
BASIS REFS A AND B AND ISSUED APRIL 4:

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QUESTION: WHAT WILL THE U.S. DO SHOULD THE GVN NOT  
ISSUE PASSPORTS TO THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN U.S. VISAS OR  
WHO ARRIVE AT PORTS OF ENTRY WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION?

ANSWER: WE ARE PREPARED TO ADMINISTER U.S. IMMIGRATION  
LAW IN A WAY DESIGNED TO HELP THOSE DESIRING ASSISTANCE.

WE UNDERSTAND THE GVN HAS A POLICY IN THE PRESENT MILITARY  
EMERGENCY NOT TO GENERALLY ISSUE PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL  
ABROAD. THIS POLICY IS DESIGNED TO AVERT POSSIBLE PANIC  
IN THE PRESENT TENSE SITUATION AND TO STRENGTHEN SVN'S  
DEFENSE AGAINST THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION. HOWEVER,  
THE GVN IS CONTINUING TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO THE WIVES,  
FIANCEES AND CHILDREN OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, AS WELL AS  
TO ORPHANS BEING ADOPTED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL THE USG DO FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVES  
OF U.S. CITIZENS OR RESIDENT ALIENS AS WELL AS USG EM-  
PLOYEES AND THOSE OF US CONCERN?

ANSWER: WE WILL NATURALLY DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILI-  
TATE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM VIET-NAM SHOULD THIS BECOME  
NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH WE NOTE THE SITUATION HAS SEEMED TO  
STABILIZE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

QUESTION: IS THE GVN LETTING PEOPLE OUT?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS  
ARE IN EFFECT, PARTICULARLY FOR PERSONS OF DRAFT AGE,  
BUT THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH CATE-  
GORIES AS ORPHANS WHO ARE IN CUSTODY OF VOLUNTARY AGEN-  
CIES AWAITING ADOPTION. IN ADDITION, THE GVN IS CON-  
TINUING TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO THE WIVES, FIANCEES AND  
CHILDREN OF U.S. CITIZENS.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT OTHER ORPHANS? HOW CAN ONE ADOPT  
A VIETNAMESE BABY?

ANSWER: THUS FAR THE INS ARRANGEMENT TO PAROLE UN-  
DOCUMENTED PERSONS INTO THE U.S. EXTENDS ONLY TO CERTAIN  
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ORPHANS, THOSE IN THE CUSTODY OF LICENSED ADOPTION AGEN-  
CIES. THESE AGENCIES HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF FAMILIES ON  
WAITING LISTS FOR CHILDREN. WE SUGGEST THAT PERSONS IN-  
TERESTED IN ADOPTING A CHILD CONTACT LOCAL OR STATEWEL-  
FARE AGENCIES.

QUESTION: WILL INS EXTEND ITS PAROLE ARRANGEMENTS TO  
OTHER CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE?

ANSWER: NO DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: DOES THE GVN HAVE ANY PLANS TO RELAX ITS  
TRAVEL BAN?

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ANSWER; WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY.

QUESTION: DOES THE USS PLAN TO SUGGEST TO THE GVN THAT IT  
RELAX THE TRAVEL BAN?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT BELIEVE SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE NECESSARY  
AT THIS TIME.

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